KOFFLER, LILLIAN

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KOFFLER, LILLIAN (RITER), 99, of Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Providence, died June 11, 2010. She was the wife of the late Sol Koffler, founder of the American Tourister Luggage Company.

Born in Providence on February 19, 1911, she was the daughter of the late Philip and Ida (Zaber) Riter.

Mrs. Koffler and her husband led a philanthropic life. Their generous contributions were rewarded with a number of buildings named for them and their family at the former Jewish home for the Aged, Miriam Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Brown University, Bryant University, Providence College and Rhode Island School of Design. Mrs. Koffler was the recipient of an honorary degree from Roger Williams University.

The Kofflers generously supported the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and Rhode Island as well as countless other charitable organizations.

Mrs. Koffler is survived by three (3) daughters, five (5) grandchildren, and fourteen (14) great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her siblings, Rebecca Grossman, Kay Kortick, and Diane Sanders.

A private graveside service was held on Sunday, June 13th. Shiva will be held at the home of Sandra & Richard Bornstein, 600 Blackstone Blvd, Providence on Mon & Tue 2-4 & 7-9 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.